



**GOV. MSG. NO. 554**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

May 12, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on May 12, 2010, the following bill was signed into law:

SB358 SD1 HD2

A BILL FOR AN ACT  
RELATING TO FIREARMS.  
**ACT 096 (10)**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

Approved by the Governor  
on MAY 12 2010

ACT 096

THE SENATE  
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2009  
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 358  
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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREARMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 134, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:  
4 "§134- Prohibition against seizure of firearms or  
5 ammunition during emergency or disaster; suspension of permit or  
6 license. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 128 or  
7 any other law to the contrary, no person or government entity  
8 shall seize or confiscate, under any civil defense, emergency,  
9 or disaster relief powers or functions conferred, or during any  
10 civil defense emergency period, as defined in section 128-2, or  
11 during any time of national emergency or crisis, as defined in  
12 section 134-34, any firearm or ammunition from any individual  
13 who is lawfully permitted to carry or possess the firearm or  
14 ammunition under part I of this chapter and who carries,  
15 possesses, or uses the firearm or ammunition in a lawful manner  
16 and in accordance with the criminal laws of this state.



1        (b) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 128 or any  
2 other law to the contrary, no person or government entity shall  
3 suspend, revoke, or limit, under any civil defense, emergency,  
4 or disaster relief powers or functions conferred, any lawfully  
5 acquired and maintained permit or license obtained under and in  
6 accordance with part I of this chapter.

7        (c) For purposes of this section, "government entity"  
8 means any unit of government in this state, including the State  
9 and any county or combination of counties, department, agency,  
10 institution, board, commission, district, council, bureau,  
11 office, governing authority, or other instrumentality of state  
12 or county government, or corporation or other establishment  
13 owned, operated, or managed by or on behalf of this state or any  
14 county."

15        SECTION 2. Section 128-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17        "§128-6 Civil defense powers, in general. The governor  
18 may:

19        (1) Plans and programs. Prepare comprehensive plans and  
20 programs for the civil defense of this [~~State,~~] state,  
21 the plans and programs to be integrated into and  
22 coordinated with the civil defense plans of the



1 federal government and of other states to the fullest  
2 possible extent; and coordinate the preparation of  
3 plans and programs for civil defense by the political  
4 subdivisions of the State, the plans to be integrated  
5 into and coordinated with the civil defense plans and  
6 programs of the State to the fullest possible  
7 extent [-];

8 (2) Training, public information. Institute training  
9 programs and public information programs [-];

10 (3) Direct operational control, when. In the event of  
11 disaster or emergency beyond local control, or which  
12 in the opinion of the governor is such as to make  
13 state operational control necessary, assume direct  
14 operational control over all or any part of the civil  
15 defense functions within this [~~State-~~] state;

16 (4) Insignia. Provide or authorize suitable insignia of  
17 authority for all authorized personnel [-];

18 (5) Registration and blood typing. Provide for:

19 (A) Compulsory registration and identification to the  
20 extent that voluntary registration and  
21 identification has not been accomplished under  
22 chapter 846, part II; and



1 (B) Compulsory RHo blood typing on females of child  
2 bearing age or younger, and such other compulsory  
3 blood typing as may be approved by competent  
4 medical authority[-] i

5 (6) Protection of facilities. Require each public  
6 utility, or any person owning, controlling, or  
7 operating a vital facility, to protect and safeguard  
8 its or the person's property, or to provide for the  
9 protection and safeguarding; and provide for the  
10 protection and safeguarding of all public properties,  
11 or such other properties as the governor may consider  
12 advisable; provided that without prejudice to the  
13 generality of the foregoing two clauses, the  
14 protecting and safeguarding may include the regulation  
15 or prohibition of public entry thereon, or the  
16 permission of the entry upon such terms and conditions  
17 as the governor may prescribe[-] i

18 (7) Explosives, etc. [~~Whenever~~] Except as provided in  
19 section 134- , whenever in the governor's opinion the  
20 laws of the State do not adequately provide for the  
21 common defense, public health, safety, and welfare,  
22 investigate, regulate, or prohibit the storage,



1 transportation, use, possession, maintenance,  
2 furnishing, sale, or distribution of, as well as any  
3 transaction related to, explosives, firearms, and  
4 ammunition [~~including the power to require the~~  
5 ~~reregistration of firearms~~], inflammable materials  
6 and other objects, implements, substances, businesses,  
7 or services of a hazardous or dangerous character, or  
8 particularly capable of misuse by disloyal persons or  
9 the enemy, or obstructive of or tending to obstruct  
10 military operations or civil defense, including,  
11 without limitation, intoxicating liquor and the liquor  
12 business; and authorize the seizure and forfeiture of  
13 any such objects, implements, or substances unlawfully  
14 possessed, as provided in section 128-28[-];

15 (8) Air raid drills, etc. Direct or control, as may be  
16 necessary for civil defense:

17 (A) Air raid drills, and other alerts, tests, and  
18 exercises;

19 (B) Blackouts and practice blackouts;

20 (C) Partial or full mobilization of civil defense  
21 organizations in advance of actual disaster;



- 1 (D) Warnings and signals for drills, alerts, or
- 2 attacks, and the mechanical devices to be used in
- 3 connection therewith;
- 4 (E) Shutting off water mains, gas mains, electric
- 5 power connections, or suspension of other
- 6 services; and to the extent permitted by or under
- 7 federal law, suspension of radio transmission;
- 8 (F) The conduct of civilians and the movement and
- 9 cessation of movement of pedestrians and
- 10 vehicular traffic during, before, and after
- 11 blackouts, drills, alerts, or attacks;
- 12 (G) Traffic control;
- 13 (H) The congregation of the public in stricken or
- 14 danger areas or under dangerous conditions; and
- 15 (I) The evacuation and reception of the civilian
- 16 population[7]; provided that only during a civil
- 17 defense emergency period shall there be
- 18 instituted under this paragraph mandatory or
- 19 prohibitory requirements having the force and
- 20 effect of law."



- 1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.  
3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

APPROVED this 12 day of MAY, 2010

  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII